

What is claimed is:

1. A liquid smoke composition comprising a) a liquid smoke having a dilutable tar content of from greater than about 1.0 wt % to about 9.0 wt %, a pH greater than about 4.5, a Karl Fischer per cent moisture of from about 20 to about 34 wt %, a staining index of greater than about 140, b) at least one anionic surfactant, and optionally c) a wax.
2. A liquid smoke composition according to claim 1, wherein the dilutable tar content ranges from about 2.9 to about 5 wt. %.
3. A liquid smoke composition according to claim 1, wherein the pH is from about 5.0 to about 5.4
4. A liquid smoke composition according to claim 1, wherein the surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate.
5. A liquid smoke composition according to claim 1, wherein the surfactant is dodecyl benzene sulfonate.
6. A liquid smoke composition according to claim 1, wherein the surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate and dodecyl benzene sulfonate.
7. A method of manufacturing nonfibrous casing, wherein the casing is made from a viscose solution that is extruded as a tube into a coagulation and regenerating bath, thereby producing a cellulosic tube in a gel state, which gel tube is ultimately dried, the improvement comprising applying to the interior of the dried casing a liquid smoke composition having a dilutable tar content of from greater than about 1.0 wt % to about 9.0 wt %, a pH greater than about 4.5, a Karl Fischer per cent moisture of from about 20

to about 34 wt %, a staining index of greater than about 140, at least one anionic surfactant, and optionally, a wax.

8. A method of manufacturing nonfibrous casing according to claim 7, wherein the dilutable tar content ranges from about 2.9 to about 5 wt.%.

9. A method of manufacturing nonfibrous casing according to claim 7, wherein the pH is from about 5.0 to about 5.4.

10. A method of manufacturing nonfibrous casing according to claim 7, wherein the casing is multilayer and contains an inner layer of nylon or plastic.

11. A method of manufacturing nonfibrous casing according to claim 7, wherein the casing is multilayer and contains an outer layer of nylon or plastic.

12. A method of manufacturing according to claim 7, wherein the surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate.

13. A method of manufacturing according to claim 7, wherein the surfactant is dodecyl benzene sulfonate.

14. A method of manufacturing according to claim 7, wherein the surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate and dodecyl benzene sulfonate.

15. A casing comprising a nonfibrous cellulosic casing containing on its interior surface a liquid smoke composition having a dilutable tar content of greater than about 1.0 wt % to about 9.0 wt %, a pH greater than about 4.5, a Karl Fischer per cent moisture of from about 20 to about 34 wt %, a staining index of greater than about 140, at least

one anionic surfactant, and optionally, a wax.

16. A casing according to claim 15, wherein the dilutable tar content ranges from about 2.9 to about 5 wt.%.

17. A casing according to claim 15, wherein the pH is from about 5.0 to about 5.4.

18. A casing according to claim 15, wherein the surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate.

19. A casing according to claim 15, wherein the surfactant is dodecyl benzene sulfonate.

20. A casing according to claim 15, wherein the surfactant is sodium lauryl sulfate and dodecyl benzene sulfonate.

21. A casing according to claim 15, wherein the casing is multilayer and contains an inner layer of nylon or plastic.

22. A casing according to claim 15, wherein the casing is multilayer and contains an outer layer of nylon or plastic.

23. A casing comprising a nonfibrous nylon or plastic casing containing on its interior surface a liquid smoke composition having a dilutable tar content of greater than about 1.0 wt % to about 9.0 wt %, a pH greater than about 4.5, a Karl Fischer per cent moisture of from about 20 to about 34 wt %, a staining index of greater than about 140, at least one anionic surfactant, and optionally, a wax.